

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus are taught for cutting a sheet material comprising the steps of engaging a first side of the laminated web structure with a crack initiator having a high rake angle, the crack initiator extending from a first
5 cutter base having a low rake angle; simultaneously engaging a second side of the laminated web structure with a second cutter; generating a first crack in the first side of the laminated web structure with the crack initiator; generating a second crack in the second side of the laminated web structure with the second cutter, and propagating the first crack and the second crack to intersect. The crack
10 initiator extends from a cutter base to a height of at least 5 μm . The high rake angle of the crack initiator is in the range of from about 30° to about 70°. The cutter base has a low rake angle that is at least about 15° less than the high rake angle of the crack initiator.

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